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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: MARR, MOPS, PFOR, IS, LE, UN

SUBJ: IDF ATTACK ON UN VEHICLE

1. RELIABLE UNTSO SOURCE HAS INFORMED US THAT, WHILE ISRAELI-LEBANESE BORDER GENERALLY QUIET, UNUSUAL SHOOTING INCIDENT INVOLVING UNTSO OCCURRED WEEKEND OF AUG 14-15. TWO-MAN UNTSO OBSERVERTEAM ON LEBANESE SIDE OF BORDER WAS TARGET OF ISRAELI MACHINE GUN FIRE FROM ROAD ALONG ISRAELI SIDE OF BORDER FOR PERIOD OF ABOUT 20 MINUTES. OBSERVERS TOOK COVER UNDERNEATH AND BEHIND VEHICLE AND WERE FORTUNATELY NOT HURT. VEHICLE HAD 11 BULLET HOLES.

2. INCIDENT OCCURRED AT NOON IN FAIRLY OPEN TERRAIN ABOUT 10 MILES EAST OF COAST, JUST SOUTH OF JURDEIH VILLAGE. UN VEHICLE WAS CLEARLY MARKED AS SUCH AND FLYING LARGE UN FLAG AS IS CUSTOMARY ON BORDER PATROLS. FIRE INITIALLY CAME FROM ONE APC ABOUT 500 YARDS FROM UN VEHICLE. SECOND APC ARRIVED LATER AND JOINED IN. FIRE FINALLY CEASED WHEN IDF JEEP ARRIVED ON SCENE. ONLY CASUALTY WAS DONKEY BELONGING TO SHEPHERDESS WHO FOOLISHLY HERDED SHEEP AND GOATS INTO AREA DURING SHOOTING.

3. UN HAS PROTESTED TO ISRAELIS AND REQUESTED EXPLANATION BUT HAS SO FAR HAD NO FORMAL REPLY. DURING INFORMAL

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DISCUSSION OF INCIDENT, IDF LIAISON OFFICER LEVINSON

SAID OFFICER IN CHARGE FIRST SAID THEY WERE SHOOTING IN  
AIR (NO REASON GIVEN) BUT LEVINSON AGREED HOLES IN VEHICLE  
DID NOT JIBE WITH THIS EXPLANATION. POSSIBILITY SLIGHT  
THAT SOLDIERS WERE UNABLE IDENTIFY VEHICLE AS UN, EXPECIALLY  
SINCE ONE HAD RIFLE EQUIPPED WITH TELESCOPIC SIGHT.  
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